GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Accessibility to Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of the population that has access to clean drinking water in rural areas of the country and their sources of drinking water; and

(b) whether the Government has undertaken measures to increase the treatment of tap water used as a source of drinking water and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) As reported by the States/UTs into the online Integrated Management Information System of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, as on 21/2/2016, out of total rural population of 90.39 crore of the country, 87.02 crore rural people have access to drinking water which is free from chemical contamination like excess arsenic, fluoride, iron, salinity and/or nitrate. The source of drinking water are ground water, surface water or through rainhwater harvesting.

(b) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India has advised all the State Departments dealing with rural drinking water supply to provide safe water based piped water supply system and to adopt water treatment units like aeration, sedimentation, clariflocculation, filtration and disinfection to provide safe drinking water. If necessary, specific treatment technologies have to be used to treat/control specific chemical contamination of local importance.

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